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In re application of: Thomas J. Shaw

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For: SYRINGE PLUNGER
ASSEMBLY AND BARREL

Examiner: Kevin C. Sirmons

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMAL OR NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT
AFTER EXAMINER ACTION**

In response to a telephone conversation with Examiner Sirmons on April 7, 2005, Applicant files this "Response to Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment After Examiner Action."

On September 16, 2004, applicant filed a Third Supplemental IDS citing non-patent documents and enclosing copies of the same. In addition, applicant provided as Exhibit A, a list of non-patent documents produced in a related litigation matter for potential consideration by the Examiner, advising that copies would be provided upon

request if the Examiner believed that they were relevant to the prosecution of the referenced application.

On November 17, 2004, the Examiner issued a communication entitled "Information Disclosure Statement" advising applicant that the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement did not comply with 37 CFR § 1.98. This November 17, 2004 communication is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The communication provided a one-month inextensible response date for correcting omissions in the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The attorney for applicant, Kristen R. Paris, contacted the Examiner on December 17, 2004 regarding the correct format for response to the November 17, 2004 communication and was advised that the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should be resubmitted providing copies of the references cited in Exhibit A or resubmitted removing Exhibit A and all reference to the same from the document if applicant believed that the references were not relevant to the prosecution of the application.

In compliance with the Examiner's instructions, applicant filed a Revised Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on December 17, 2004 omitting the previously submitted Exhibit A and reference to the same. The Revised Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement without copies of the listed prior art references is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. The listed prior art references are not attached because they have been sent to the Office twice, once with the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed September 16, 2004 and once with the Revised Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on


December 17, 2004.

Attorney for applicant contacted the Examiner on April 7, 2005 regarding the status of the referenced application and was advised that further action had not been taken as the response to the November 17, 2004 communication submitted December 17, 2004 was not correctly titled as "Response to Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment." Applicant believes that the Examiner should consider the document filed December 17, 2004 as it was timely filed and titled in accordance with the Examiner's telephone instructions of December 17, 2004. The November 17, 2004 communication received from the Examiner was titled "Information Disclosure Statement" and made no mention of the title "Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment." Furthermore, the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed September 16, 2004 was a voluntarily submitted document by applicant under the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and is not considered to be an amendment to the application as filed.

In view of the aforementioned, applicant believes that a timely and correct response has been filed to the Examiner's November 17, 2004 communication and respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the response and consider the references provided by applicant in the Revised Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

It is believed that no fee is due for the submission of this paper. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due to Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1781.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 9/16/04 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

The information disclosure statement filed on 9/16/04 does not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98 because: It is unclear if applicant wishes the examiner to consider the reference cited during the litigation process, which is disclosed in the IDS. Since the submission appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH** from the date of this notice to supply the above mentioned omissions or corrections in the information disclosure statement. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b).** Failure to timely comply with this notice will result in the above mentioned information disclosure statement being placed in the application file with the noncomplying information **not** being considered. See 37 CFR 1.97(i).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Kevin C. Sirmons whose telephone number is (703) 306-5410. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 6:30 am to 4:00 pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

Kevin C. Sirmons

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Patent Examiner
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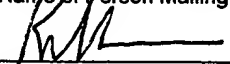
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Dear Sir:

REVISED THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In response to the Office Communication dated November 17, 2004 and a telephone call with the Examiner on December 17, 2004, Applicant submits herewith a revised Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

This submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and §609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. More particularly, this submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). The publications and other information herein are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B. Copies of the listed references on Form PTO/SB/08B are submitted herewith.

Applicant hereby expressly reserves the right to swear behind the effective dates of any of the above publications and to question the relevance and materiality of the



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publications listed herein, in whole, in part, or in combination, subsequent to filing this third supplemental information disclosure statement.

In addition, a Power of Attorney executed by the Applicant is enclosed herewith pursuant to a telephone request made by the Examiner on December 17, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due for the submission of this paper as the fee for the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was paid on September 15, 2004, when the document was filed. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due to Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1781.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
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| | 1 | Memorandum Opinion dated March 2, 2004, Retractable Technologies, Inc. et al. v. New Medical Technology, Inc. et al., cont. | |
| | | No. 4:02-CV-34, U.S. District Court Eastern District, Sherman Division | |
| | 2 | Plaintiff Retractable Technologies, Inc. and Third-Party Defendant Thomas J. Shaw's Markman Brief dated February 28, 2003, cont. | |
| | | Retractable Technologies, Inc. et al. v. New Medical Technology, Inc. et al., No. 4:02-CV-34, U.S. District Court Eastern District, Sherman Division | |
| | 3 | Defendants' Markman Brief dated March 28, 2003, Retractable Technologies, Inc. et al. v. New Medical Technology, Inc. et al., No. 4:02-CV-34, U.S. District Court, cont. | |
| | | Eastern District, Sherman Division | |
| | 4 | Plaintiffs' Markman Reply Brief dated April 14, 2003, Retractable Technologies, Inc. et al. v. New Medical Technology, Inc. et al., No. 4:02-CV-34, U.S. District Court, cont. | |
| | | Eastern District, Sherman Division | |
| | 5 | Defendants' Final Invalidity Contentions dated April 21, 2004, Retractable Technologies, Inc. et al. v. New Medical Technology, Inc. et al., No. 4:02-CV-34, cont. | |
| | | U.S. District Court Eastern District, Sherman Division | |

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¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Today's Date: 12/17/04

Enclosed for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office first class mail are the following:

1. Revised Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Copies of cited references;
3. Power of Attorney executed by Applicant; and
4. Postcard acknowledgement.